IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-4, and add the following new claims 5 and 6.

5. A series of operational steps to be performed by a computer, said steps comprising:

storing a plurality of date files within the computer, each said date file having 7 integers including;

a 4 digit decimal year represented in the first four integers of said 7 integers;

a 3 digit decimal day represented in the last three integers of said 7 integers;

in a central processing unit of the computer, adding said 7 integers of one of said plurality of date files to said 7 integers of another said plurality of date files to generate a sum; and

adding 635 to said sum when the last three integers of said sum is in excess of 365 to generate a new date file representative of a new calendar date.

6. A series of operational steps to be performed by a computer, said steps comprising:

storing a plurality of date files within the computer, each said date file having 7 integers including;

a 4 digit decimal year represented in the first four integers of said 7 integers;

a 3 digit decimal day represented in the last three integers of said 7 integers;

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in a central processing unit of the computer, subtracting said 7 integers of one of said plurality of date files to said 7 integers of another said plurality of date files to generate a sum; and

subtracting 635 from the last three integers of said sum when said sum is in excess of 365 to generate a new date file representative of the number of years and days difference between the date files.

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